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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session

The New Hope Missionary Baptist Association met in its forty-ninth session with the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, October 8th, 1918, at 11:00 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. J. Carrington and Rev. J. H. Caldwell. Sang hymn 482. Read Prov. 15th. Prayer by E. J. Carrington. Hymn 623 was sung. The moderator then called upon the delegation to greet each others hands as token of thankfulness to God for having spared so many of the lives composing the membership of the churches in the New Hope Association. He stated that we ought to feel greatly blessed to meet in this forty-ninth session, after which quite a number of the brethren repeated scripture verses. The welcome address was given by the pastor, Dr. L. H. Hackney. Response by the moderator. At this he announced the house ready for business. The hour having arrived for dinner the moderator adjourned the meeting until 2:00 o'clock P. M.

REV. J. H. DUNSTON, Moderator.
L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

FIRST DAY—Evening Session.

Bro. H. S. Fuller, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, assisted by Rev. E. D. Jones, entered upon the duty assigned them. Hymn No. 703, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross, a Follower of the Lamb." Read II Timothy 7. Prayer by Bro. E. D. Jones. Sang hymn 800, "Go Preach My Gospel," saith the Lord; Bid the Whole Earth My Grace Receive. Rev. H. S. Fuller took for his text II Timothy 7:1 22 6:14-18. He preached us a great sermon which was both **practical, logical** and **spiritual.**

Subject, Holiness. The people were much enthused along the spiritual with the sermon. Prayer by Rev. G. H. Pope, which was animating and soul-stirring. The spirit ran so high that the congregation and delegates greeted each other hand while one of the old melodies was being sung. Dr. M. W. Brown and Rev. S .A. Stanford took the collection to the amount of $10.28. The entire roll officers were continued for the next year. The Association adjourned to meet Wednesday at hour of 10:10 A. M. Benediction by Rev. E. J. Carrington.

REV. J. H. DUNSTON, Moderator.

L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Devotional services conducted by the moderator, Rev. J. H. Dunston and Rev. J. H. Caldwell sang hymn 41. Read Psalm 19. Invocation by Rev. J. H. Dunston. Hymn 271, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Let Angels Prostrate Fall. After the roll call the minutes of the first days' session were read and approved. The Moderator then announced the various committees. (See Reports.) Rev. H. G. Pope and Bro. James Vanhook were appointed as reading clerks of associational letters. At this quite a number of brethren spoke on the spiritual condition of the churches, namely: Rev. F. J. Edwards, Rev. N. M. Hackney, Dr. R. Spiller, D.D., Rev. J. H. Caldwell. The entire body was so highly lifted and enthused by the various talks made that many of them manifested their feelings by open expressions while singing was being conducted by Prof. Ethel Council. At this point the moderator gave some very timely advice how the churches should take care of their pastors along the financial line. The moderator lifted the collection to the amount of $15.35. We then adjourned for dinner until 2:00 P. M.

REV. J. H. DUNSTON, Moderator.

REV. L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

Rev. R. Spiller, D.D., pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., who was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, assisted by Rev. N. M. Hackney, entered upon the duty assigned them, and like the prophets and apostles of old, they went forward in the name of Israel's God in the discharge of this duty. Hymn 800 was lined and sung. Go preach My Gospel, said the Lord. Bid the whole earth My grace receive. 72 division of Psalms were read. Prayer by Rev. H. G. Pope. Sang again one of the melodies, No. 595, Oh! That I Knew the Place Where I Might Find My God.

At this point Dr. R. Spiller was introduced by the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Dunston, who arose and announced his text: Psalms 72:16. There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. This able divine truly must be a man sent of God to bear His message to nations of the earth. He is a great linker of scripture. Here he referred to many passages which gave strength and power to his text and sermon. The people seemed to be enthused in the highest by he manner in which this God-like hero pictures his text. Certainly we have never listened to a more abler sermon delivered by any man upon the question of missions. We were again graced with one of the old spiritual songs (Glory To His Name), led by Rev. T. H. Strayhorn. Collection by Dr. R. Spiller, D.D., for Missions (Foreign) to the amount of $25.60. The association ajdourned to meet Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

REV. J. H. DUNSTON, Moderator.
Rev. L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

The Association reassembled at the hour of 10:30 o'clock. The religious exercises were conducted by Rev. T. J. Edwards and Bro. E. D. Jones singing hymn No. 563. Read Psalms 23:1-6. Prayer by Rev. T. H. Strayhorn. Singing hymn No. 987. Rev. T. J. Edwards gave quite an interesting talk on the subject of testifying for the Lord. At this point the Association engaged in a general prayer meeting. Quite a goodly number of the brethren gave expressions along the line of Foreign Missions. As Dr. A. M. Moore, who was billed to speak on the subject of Foreign Missions, was not present, Rev. T. J. Edwards, Rev. H. G. Pope and Dr. R. Spiller, all of whom gave able speeches that were listened to with great attention. Rev. J. H. Dunson also gave an able talk on Foreign Mission. We then sang a hymn. Here at this point the moderator appointed D. R. Spiller to lift the collection on Foreign Missions, which amounted to ($30.00) thirty dollars. The people seemed to be aroused as to giving along this line. Our people simply need to be reminded of their duty. We are willing to give, and will give, but we must be constantly reminded of it. There is no better set of people in the world to conform to duty than ours when we are taught rightly. We simply need to learn regular and systematic giving, and when this shall have been done, then we will have a people second to none in the world. On motion the various committees that have reported be received and adopted. The Moderator advised that all reports and resolutions be made this afternoon, as the association will adjourn to meet no more unless until the next Association, unless an early one can be called. The morning session was a very prosperous one indeed, in which the business of the Association was much advanced and the cause of Christ made known to the people in this section of the county, and many hearts made to rejoice. Adjourned for dinner.

REV. J. H. DUNSTON, Moderator.
REV. L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

THURSDAY—Afernoon Session.

Sang hymn 272. Prayer by Rev. H. S. Fuller. Read Proverbs, 8. Sang hymn 275, Awake and Sing the Song of Moses and the Lamb, Etc. Rev. E. J. Carrington, who was programmed to preach the educational sermon, presented himself in his usual way and Christianly-like manner. Text, Matthew 11:29: "Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and shall find rest unto your souls, for My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Subject: First. Man's Service to God; 2nd, His service to man; 3rd, What to Do and How to Do It and When to Do It. Rev. Carrington preached a wonderful sermon, practical, logical, spiritual and educational. This sermon was enjoyed by all who heard it; also it has been many years since we have had such a practical sermon upon education. Rev. R. Spiller, pastor of Mt. Vernon Church, Durham, N. C., made some commendable remarks respecting Rev. E. J. Carrington's fitness as a young minister to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, though he is not so well educated as some other ministers. He further stated he never heard a better educational sermon in his life, and that he had been knowing Rev. Carrington for some time, and he has preached a sermon that would pass anywhere, though he made some mistakes.

Rev. J. H. Dunston also commented on the sermon by stating that it was one of the best he had ever heard along the practical line. This was a wonderful sermon and the Lord must have been with the man. God will help those who ask wisdom of Him. The young men who are aspirants for the ministry should learn a lesson from the older ministers who have labored under so many disadvantages and yet are able to preach such soul-stirring sermons with the old fire-tried religion that stood the test among the enemies of the saints of God in all ages of the world. Here is a test of our call to the ministry to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Committee on Finance request to make report. (See report.) These reports were received and adopted by the association. The business of the association was expedited in the usual way under the auspices of Rev. J. H. Dunston, our highly esteemed brother who has led the association on to succes sfor many years. The association gave a vote of thanks to the church, its pastor and community for having taken such special care of the association. Many of the brethren stated that they had never known the Association better provided for in its history. The asosciation then adjournend to meet with the Buie's Creek Baptist Church on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1919. The people seemed to be in the spirit while singing the closing hymn. Benediction by the Moderator.

REV. J. H. DUNSTON, Moderator.
REV. L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Treasurer's Report for 1917 and 1918, October 10th, 1918.

1917		Dr.	Cr.
	Amount collected from letters and collections		$289.88
	Amount brought over from last year, 1917		108.83
	Total amount received		$398.71
	DISBURSEMENTS.		
	For Haiti Missions	$ 32.30	
	New Hope Academy	43.30	
	Dr. L. H. Hackney, Secretary's Services	20.00	
	Dr. L. H. Hackney, incidental expenses	18.25	
	Dr. L. H. Hackney, programs	4.50	
	Dr. L. H. Hackney, printing minutes	50.00	
	To Apex new church edifice	25.00	
	To Dr. M. W. Brown, Treasurer	5.00	
1917	To Sexton at White Oak Church	2.00	
Dec. 21.	To Rev. C. D. Hackney, Superanuated Minister	10.00	

	To Dr. B. F. Hopkins for New Hill School	100.00	
	To Rev. R. P. Wynn, Superanuated Minister	15.00	
April 10.	To Rev. C. D. Hackney, Superanuated Minister	15.00	
Sept. 14.	To Rev. J. H. Dunston for Foreign Mission	50.00	380.25
	Balance on hand		$ 18.46

DR. M. W. BROWN, Treasurer
New Hope Association, Apex, N. C.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to make the following report: Piny Grove: Deaths, 2; New Hill, none; Markham's Chapel, 2; Mt. Vernon Baptist, Durham, 10; Shiloh, 1; New Bethel, 2; Terrell's Creek, none; Bethsaida, 1; Barbee's Chapel, 4; Mebane, 1; Rockhill, Chapel Hill, 5; Mt. Sinai, 1; Cole's Chapel, 3; Mt. Zion, Chatham, 4; Union Chapel, 5; Hickory Grove, 2; White, none; Mt. Zion, Wake, 6; Bassill Creek, Ebenezer, 1; Mt. Moriah, 3; New Hope, 4; No. 57.

E. L. HORTON,
REV. C. A. CLARK,
M. N. NUNN,
J. J. SMITH,
A. D. BENNETTE,
Committee.

REPORT ON SERMONS.

Rev. S. A. Stanford to preach introductory sermon; alternate, Rev. N. M. Hackney. Rev. H. G. Pope preached the missionary; alternate, Dr. L. H. Hackney. Rev. M. W. Brown preached educational sermon; alternate, Rev. J. H. Caldwell.

REV. T. J. EDWARDS,
REV. S. A. STANFORD,
D. J. ATWATER,
T. H. STRAYHORN,
W. J. COUNCIL,
Committee.

COLLECTION FOR SCHOOL FUND.

Rev. M. J. Jones, .50; Rev. N. M. Hackney, .25; Bro. Samuel Morphis, .25; Bro. I. J. Walker, .25; Dr. R. Spiller, $1.00; Rev. J. H. Caldwell, 5.0; Bro. H. C. Hopkins, $1.00; Bro. L. H. Stone, .25;

Bro. W. H. Herndon, $1.00; Bro. J. A. Ross, .25; Bro. T. J. Hogans, $1.00; Bro. Baxton Williams, $1.00; L. H. Hackney, .50; Bro. J. R. Jones, $1.00; Bro. J. H. Riggsbee, .25; Prof. B. H. Cole, .25; Mrs. Emma Caldwell, .25; Mrs. Dillie Edwards, .25; Rev. J. H. Dunston, $1.00. Amount, $10.35.

The school which has been in building at New Hill, N. C., for some time is needing the help of the general public to make completion of this work. It is the spirit of the board to open the doors of this building next fall for the entering of students. This is the property of the association, therefore, having begun this work, let us be faithful unto the end. God rewards us for our faithfulness and not our greatfulness. Therefore, those who would work must work while it is yet day, for the night just ahead, when no man can work.

ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are living in a progressive age, an age of thought, energy and of research. In order to make the age we must be a part of the age; if we would steer a boat, we must get into it, not that we must float with the current, but in order to resist it we must know the course it takes. Education seems to be the watchword of the Twentieth Century. The tidal name of intellectuality seems to be surveying the country. The question that seems to be paramount with every denomination is, How can we hold and reach the young people of our churches? The answer seems to be by intellectual, moral, physical and religious training. We can not leave this work entirely to the State; we are commanded by God's Word to train up our children in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it. That can only be done by giving them a Christian education, and this must be given in the home. It was Oliver Wendell Holmes who once asked the question, "Where does a parent begin to train his chid?" and the answer was two hundred years before he is born.

We, your committee, recommend:

First. That the parents be urged to keep their children in the public schools until they shall have finished the curriculum.

2nd. That strenuous efforts shoud be put forth to have them to take an academic, industrial and college course, if possible, in our denominational schools, but if such schools are not accessible, send them elsewhere.

3rd. We recommend that more interest should be taken or manifested by our convention and association in Ministerial Education, and that the churches of this Association are urged to send up ap-

nually contributions for the Theological Department at Shaw University.

4th. That this association put forth efforts towards helping some deserving girl to obtain a Christian education.

5th. We recommend that more definite step and united effort be put forth by the churches of this body toward raising funds to build and aid the schools that are within the bounds of this association.

Last, but not least, we give to the teachers association our hearty co-operation in the efforts to strengthen the rural district schools by giving efficient teachers, better school houses and larger rooms, and we note with profound interest the work that is being done by Prof. Moore, who is laboring under the auspices of this organization.

REV. S. A. STANFORD, Chairman.
BRO. J. H. RIGGSBE, Secretary.
BRO. JAS. VANHOOK,
REV. R. SPILLER, D.D.,
BRO. H. M. EDWARDS,
Committee.

EAST DURHAM, N. C.

October 16, 1918.

Rev. L. H. Hackney, D.D., Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Bro. Hackney:—I am writing you this letter in behalf of a new church seeking admittance into the New Hope Association. The pastor though on account of the epidemic that is spreading the country that the Association would be postponed; hence he failed to come. However, as I know of the church and pastor, I am willing to vouch for it. I know it to be in Gospel order; the pastor to be a clean Christian gentleman. Therefore I am writing to ask the Board to accept their representation fee and admit the Gethsemane Baptist Church of Durham, N. C., into the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association—Rev. A. Reid, Pastor, Durham, N. C.; Bro. Daniel Sledd, Clerk, Durham, N. C.

Trusting that you may carefully consider the matter and accept the same, I am as ever,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

REV. G. H. POPE.

P. S.—Enclosed will find $1.80 with which to represent eighteen members.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

CHURCHES	Members	Associational Funds	Foreign Missions	Superannuated Minister's Fund	Total Amount Paid	Balance Due
Terrell's Creek	151	$ 9 06	$ 3 02	$ 3 02	$15 10	------
Markham's Chapel	130	8 10	2 60	2 60	13 30	------
Bassill Creek	112	6 72	2 24	2 24	11 20	------
First Baptist (Mebane, N. C.)	82	4 92	1 64	1 64	8 20	------
Mount Gilead	18	1 08	36	36	1 80	------
New Hill	84	5 04	1 68	1 68	8 40	------
Good Hope	----	------	------	----	------	------
Mount Sinai	283	16 98	5 66	5 66	28 30	------
Mount Moriah (Mebane, N. C.)	75	4 50	1 50	1 50	7 50	------
Rock Hill	146	------	------	------	------	$14 60
Ebenezar	79	3 50	------	------	5 40	2 50
White Rock (Durham, N. C.)	----	------	------	------	------	------
White Oak	93	5 58	1 86	1 86	9 30	6 10
Barbee's Chapel	176	10 56	94	------	11 50	------
Hickory Grove	153	9 18	3 06	3 06	15 30	------
Northeast Chapel	----	------	------	------	------	35 00
Mount Vernon (Durham)	552	15 00	------	----	------	------
Mount Zion (Chatham)	260	15 60	5 20	5 20	26 00	------
Shiloh Church	184	11 04	3 68	3 68	18 40	------
New Bethel	96	5 76	1 92	1 92	9 60	------
Union Chapel	164	9 84	3 20	3 20	16 40	------
Haw River	120	7 20	2 40	2 40	12 00	------
Bethsaida	36	2 16	72	72	3 60	------
Mount Zion (Wake)	157	9 42	3 14	3 14	15 70	------
Cole's Chapel	8	48	16	16	80	------
Bunn's Mission	----	----	------	----	----	------
Bethany Hill	11	66	22	22	1 10	------
Piney Grove	42	2 64	88	88	4 40	------
New Hope	139	8 34	2 78	2 78	13 90	------

Amount collected $324 58

BRO. ALEX TINNING,
BRO. G. A. ROSS,
BRO. T. H. HOGANS,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Whereas, intemperance is a curse to any people or nation when it is used as a beverage, either the use of whiskey or any thing that has the tendency to destroy the usefulness of the Christian life. Therefore, we ask that the ministers, delegates and all good Christians to abstain from the use of any thing that has the tendency to destroy Christian life, and we recommend that the ministers urge upon their congregations to lead a pure life by keeping God's commandments; therefore be it

Resolved, That we keep before the convention and the churches the spirit of this report. Every minister of the gospel ought to see to it that our lives be conducted along all lines that the uncovered will have the utmost confidence in us as the true advocates of Christ's kingdom. Every Christian ought to remember that he is no stronger with the other fellow than what he thinks of him. Therefore, we should have a good report of them that are without. The minister who is intemperate has much to loose along every line morally, religiously, educationally and materially. Have self-control—this is the first gre[illegible]
How can we lead others unless we cont[illegible]

REPORT OF UNION MEETING.

1917		Dr.	Cr.
April 30.	Balance on hand	$ 88.64	
Sept. 29.	New Bethel Union Meeting, the entire amount used on the cornerstone of New Hill High School. Therefore I have not any entry of the amount collected on my books.		
Dec. 29.	Received Union Meeting at Terrel's Creek Church	10.62	
	Amount	$ 99.26	

Disbursements.

Dec. 30	To Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Secretary		$ 3.00
	To sexton of church		1.50
			4.50
1918	Balance on hand	$ 94.76	
Mch. 31.	Received Union at First Baptist Church, [illegible]ane, N. C.	$ 25.62	
		$120.38	

Disbursements.

	To Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Secretary_____	$ 3.00
	To sexton of church_____	1.50
	Balance on hand_____$157.19	
	One-half of the amount equally between the Union Meeting and New Hill School _____	$13.25
	Balance on hand _____$143.94	
Dec. 29.	Received Union Meeting at Mt. Zion, Wake _____ 21.20	
	Amount _____$165.14	

Disbursements.

	To Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Secretary_____	$ 4.00
	To sexton of church_____	1.50
	To Rev. L. H. Hackney, Treasurer Union Meeting _____	2.00
	To New Hill High School_____	7.85
		$ 15.35
	Balance on hand_____$149.79	

January 1, 1919.

L. H. HACKNEY,
Treasurer of Union Meetings.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

I have had one thousand minutes printed and distributed among the churches. Held conference in the interest ofthe Association with whom our interest is confided. The next session of the New Hope Association with the Bassil's Creek Baptist Church (5) five miles South of Holly Springs, N. C., Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1919, 10:00 o'clock A. M. It is hoped that this session will be the most prosperous session in the history of the Association. This church is pastored by Dr. B. F. Hopkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C., one of our ablest divines, and it goes without saying that this church will play her part in caring for the Association.

L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL AND EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

The Ministerial and Executive Boards have endeavored to act wisely in all of its dealings in the business pertaining to the Association. The entire Board seems to be an entire unit when in session. Dr. M. W. Brown is the right man in the right place as President. The unity of the brethren and the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to guide and direct us, therefore, can be no other than a success. I am satisfied there can not be found no better set of men of the State who desire to see the Christian body as a whole to take this entire world for Christ. We are making greater efforts to do the work than ever before. The war problem has done much in stirring up the Christian Church to their long-forgotten duty. How can the church be neutral while our sons are dying in the camps and being shot down at the front in France? Is it a time for work or rest. There is a rest for the people of God, but it is just across the river.

The Board request White Rock Baptist Church to send in the balance of her dues. The Board decided to attend Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., to represent in full by the payment of $50.00 (fifty dollars.) The Board also recommended to the Association Rally at same time during the Associational year for the benefit of Foreign Missions. The Board honored the check given to the Lott Carey Foreign Convention by Rev. J. H. Dunston, who advanced the fifty dollars for the New Hope Association. The Board decided to pay the expenses of the delegates to the Lott Carey Foreign Convention which was held at Rocky Mount, N. C., the last week in August, 1918. The Board donated to Rev. M. W. Brown, Treasurer of the Association, ($5.00) five dollars for his faithfulness as treasurer.

DR. M. W. BROWN, President.

REV. L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

Rules of Decorum

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator, or by some person at his request.

2. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called each day on the assembling of the Association. The proceedings of the previous meeting shall be read before transacting any business.

3. All questions before the Association shall be decided by the living voice, except when a division is called for, and then by rising.

4. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject without permission from the Moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of members to obtain permission before leaving the Association.

6. When a brother is speaking it shall be considered a breach of order for any member to pass between the Moderator and the speaker, or to engage in conversation, or in any way to interfere with the speaker.

7. Every member must rise and address the Moderator, and confine himself strictly to the subject before the body ; address no member by any appellation than that of brother, and cast no reflection upon any member.

8. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as any other member, by calling some member temporarily to the chair, and when there is a tie he shall cast the deciding vote.

9. Written queries from the churches or members, or resolutions, shall be read twice, and signed by the originator, before being received for discussion.

10. A motion without a second shall not be received. A mover may withdraw his motion if the same is done before being voted upon.

11. When a question is under consideration no motion shall be received except to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or to amend, which several motions shall have precedence in the order they are named.

12. When a motion has been carried, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the majority to move for a reconsideration on the same day.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered.

14. The Clerk shall make out a list of the members appointed on each committee, stating the subject to be acted on, and hand the same to the chairman as soon as possible.

15. Should any member violate any of the foregoing Rules of Decorum, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to call him to order. If he fails to do so, any member of the body shall have the same privilege.

Constitution

1. This Association shall be known as the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association.

2. The Association shall meet annually, to be composed of ordained ministers belonging to said Association; any member belonging to the Association who, by presenting letters from their respective churches certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. The number of delegates from each church shall not exceed two.

4. The letters from the churches shall state the number baptized and the whole number of members.

5. The delegates thus chosen shall sit as an advisory council, and shall have no power to infringe upon any of the rights of the churches.

6. In its decisions and acts, the church must recognize Christ as the only law-giver in Zion; and every individual church is an independent body, with executive (but not legislative) powers.

7. It shall be the duty of this Association, when requested by the organized churches, to hear their grievances, give appropriate advice or send committees to aid them in their difficulties. If the minority of a church be arraigned by the majority, upon application it shall be entitled to the same consideration. Individual applications will not be entertained.

8. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church that knowingly and wilfully departs from the orthodox principles of religion as taught by the Bible and held by regular Baptists as the true teaching thereof.

9. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, to be elected by the suffrages of the members present.

10. This Association shall have a Treasurer, who shall not intrust any money belonging to the Association unless so ordered by the Executive Board.

11. Baptist churches, upon application for admission into this Association, shall be received and their delegate seated if satisfactory evidence be given that they are truly of our faith and order.

12. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual meeting, two-thirds of the members being present.

13. This Association shall have a Ministerial Council, composed of nine ordained ministers belonging to this Association to act as a Presbytery, subject to the right of any church or churches, to be called upon request. This Board to examine her applicant or applicants for the Gospel ministry, but the churches have the right to call upon any ordained ministers anywhere, in good standing, to examine her applicants and ordain them to the Gospel ministry. The Ministerial Council is continued for the purpose of serving the churches, by request of the churches. The churches, therefore, have the sole right to name the ministers composing the Council so-called.

14. No minister shall be ordained without first being qualified to read the Scriptures with an understanding and have a gift for the ministry. This section shall not be changed except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

15. The Association shall require subordinate churches to pay six (6) cents per capita for Associational purposes, two (2) cents per capita for Missions, and two (2) cents for superannuated minister's fund.

16. The Ministerial Boards shall prepare an examination upon the fundamental principles of education in the English language. All applicants must average 66⅔ per cent. on all questions asked before being entitled to ordination.

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